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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Agricultural Economics)

Amendment No. 2 to Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 116.

AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE  
FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD CONTAINER ACT OF 1928

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture by an act of Congress entitled, "An act to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, and for other purposes," approved May 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 685), I, Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, do make, prescribe, and give public notice of the amendments as herein set forth to the general rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture which were issued and effective under said act on the 10th day of October, 1928.

Effective on and after the 1st day of January, 1936, regulation 5, section 1, paragraph 1 is amended by revoking the said paragraph and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

Reg. 5, Sec. 1. Par. 1. Except as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a container is within the tolerances and variations as to capacity allowed by these regulations it shall be tested by the bulk-for-bulk method, as described in U. S. D. A. Miscel. Pub. No. 75, or by the dimensional measurement method, which is accomplished by taking the dimensions of the container and from these computing the capacity. Only the actual capacity of the container when level full shall be considered, and such portion of the contents as may be heaped above the



level of the top of the sides shall be disregarded notwithstanding any raised cover which might permit the extension upward of the contents.

Regulation 5, section 1, paragraph 2 is amended by revoking the said paragraph and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

Reg. 5. Sec. 1, Par. 2. The capacity of a container which is constructed with the inside top hoop set down to accommodate the cover shall be determined to the top of such inside top hoop. The total capacity shall first be determined in the usual manner and from such total capacity thus obtained there shall be deducted the number of cubic inches contained in the space included between the upper edge of the inside top hoop and the upper ends of the staves. Such computation shall be made by the formula: Diameter squared X 0.7854 X the average depth.

Regulation 5 is further amended by the addition of the following section, which is designated section 3:

Reg. 5. Sec. 3. Par. 1. In the case of Splint Baskets for fruits and vegetables the following basket and form dimensions and material specifications for each of the several standard sizes, respectively, are hereby standardized for the purpose of the application of tolerances.

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SQUARE BRAID AND SLAB OVERHANDLE SPLINT BASKETS  
STANDARD BASKET, FORM, AND MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS.

Standard Sizes	4 Qt.	8 Qt.	12 Qt.	16 Qt.	24 Qt.	32 Qt.
Cubic Inches	268.8	537.6	806.4	1075.2	1612.8	2150.4
<u>BASKET DIMENSIONS</u>	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches
Depth, at corners	4	5	6	7	8-1/8	8-5/8
Top Center, Width-----	5-1/2	7-1/4	7-3/4	8	9	10-1/2
Length-----	13	15-1/2	17-3/4	19-1/2	22-3/4	22-3/4
Top Corners, Width-----	5-5/8	7-1/8	8	8	9-1/4	11
Length---	12-1/8	15-1/4	16-3/4	18-3/4	21-1/2	22-1/8
Bottom, Width-----	5-3/8	6-7/8	7-3/4	8	9-3/16	11
Length---	11-3/8	15-1/8	16-1/4	17-9/16	19-3/8	22
Handle, Length----	16-3/4	21	24-1/2	25-1/2	28-3/8	31-1/4
Placement of ends--	Ends of handle shall extend to bottom of basket					

<u>FORM DIMENSIONS</u>						
Depth, at Ends -----	4	5	6	7	8-1/8	8-5/8
Top, Width -----	6	7	8	8-1/4	10-1/8	11
Length -----	12	15-1/4	16-1/2	18-1/4	21-3/8	21-1/2
Circumference---	36	45	49	53	58-1/2	65

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

INSIDE TOP BANDS (when scored)

Distance between scores,						
Width-----	6	7-1/8	8-1/8	8-1/4		11
Length-----	12	15-1/4	16-1/2	18-1/4		22-1/8

SHORT AND LONG SPLINTS (Standards)

Scored from each end--	4	5	6	7	8-1/8	8-5/8
Distance between scores,						
Short-----	5-7/16	6-15/16	7-13/16	8-1/16	9-1/4	11-1/16
Long-----	11-7/16	15-3/16	16-5/16	17-5/8	19-7/16	22-1/16
HANDLE, Length-----	17	21-1/4	24-3/4	25-3/4	28-1/2	31-1/2

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first settlers who came to the continent in search of a new home. They found a land of vast resources and opportunities, but also one of many challenges. The early years were marked by conflict and struggle, as the settlers fought to establish a new society in a remote and often hostile environment. Over time, however, the United States emerged as a powerful nation, one that was able to overcome its many difficulties and build a great future for itself.

The story of the United States is a story of many firsts. It was the first nation to be founded on the principles of liberty and democracy. It was the first nation to develop a strong and effective government. It was the first nation to become a world power. And it was the first nation to achieve the dream of a better life for all its people. The history of the United States is a story of hope and achievement, a story that inspires us to strive for a better future for ourselves and for our country.

The United States has a rich and diverse heritage. It is a land of many cultures, many languages, and many traditions. This diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and it is what makes the United States a unique and special place. We are a nation of immigrants, and our history is a testament to the courage and determination of those who have come to this land in search of a better life. Our history is a story of resilience and perseverance, a story that shows us the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity and build a better world.

The history of the United States is a story that we should all be proud of. It is a story of a nation that has overcome many challenges and built a great future for itself. It is a story of a nation that is committed to the principles of liberty and democracy, and that is dedicated to the pursuit of a better life for all its people. The history of the United States is a story that we should all cherish and celebrate.

Par. 2. Any Splint Basket, no dimension of which is in error by more than the tolerance given below for the proper standard size, or, any Splint Basket which is constructed of standard material and on a standard form no dimension of which, respectively, is in error by more than the tolerance given below for the proper standard size, will be deemed to be not deceptive in appearance and within the tolerance allowed: Provided, that not more than one dimension of any splint basket, splint basket form, or splint basket material, respectively, shall be in error in the same direction.

In these regulations an error on a dimension shall be construed as the difference between the actual measured dimension and the standard dimension. An error in excess is to be indicated when the measured dimension is greater than the standard dimension. An error in deficiency is to be indicated when the measured dimension is less than the standard dimension.

#### TOLERANCES AND VARIATIONS

##### Standard Square Braid and Slab Splint Baskets Baskets, Forms, and Material.

<u>BASKET DIMENSIONS</u>		<u>Excess or Deficiency</u>
Depth-----	-----All Sizes-----	1/16 Inch
Combined Width and Length		
Top Center, -----	4, 8,                      32 Qt. Sizes	1/2     "
"     "     -----	----- 12, 16, 24,   - Qt.     "	3/4     "
Combined Width and Length		
Top Corners, -----	4, 8, ----- 32 Qt. Sizes	1/2     "
"     "     -----	----- 12, 16, 24,   - Qt.     "	3/4     "
Bottom,    Width-----	-----All Sizes-----	1/8     "
Length-----	-----"     "     -----	1/8     "
Handle,    Length-----	-----"     "     -----	1/2     "
Placement of ends	-----"     "     -----	None
<u>FORM DIMENSIONS</u>		
Depth-----	-----All Sizes-----	1/16 inch
Top,        Width-----	-----"     "     -----	1/8     "
Length-----	-----"     "     -----	1/8     "
Circumference-----	-----"     "     -----	1     "
<u>MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS</u>		
INSIDE TOP BANDS (when scored)		
Scored Dimensions-----	-----All Sizes-----	1/16 Inch
SHORT AND LONG SPLINTS (Standards)		
Scored Dimensions -----	-----"     "     -----	1/16     "
HANDLE, Length-----	-----"     "     -----	1/2     "



Par. 3. Any Splint Basket for fruits and vegetables one or more dimensions of which are in error by more than the tolerances given above, or which is constructed of material or on a form one or more dimensions of which, respectively, are in error by more than the tolerances given above, shall be deemed to be outside the tolerance allowed by this section, and shall be subject to the tests prescribed in Section 1, and to the tolerances provided for in Section 2, of these Regulations.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Department of Agriculture to be affixed in the city of Washington this 14th day of December, 1935.

(Signed) H. A. Wallace  
Secretary of Agriculture.

